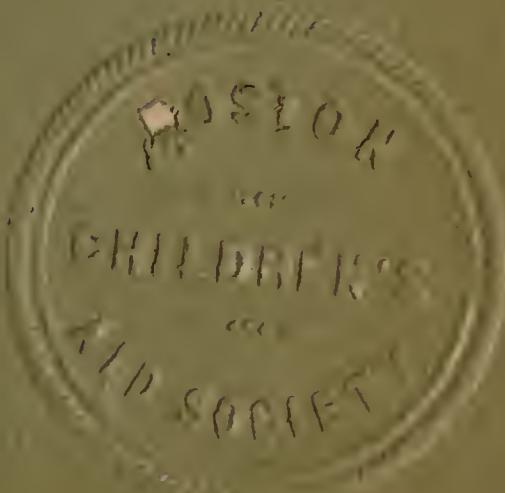


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## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

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MAY we not look back upon the past year with at least a moderate amount of satisfaction, as the experiment which we undertook with anxious fears is proving, so far as human eyes can discern, a reasonable success.

The children have been faithfully visited, and the reports of such visits have been most gratifying. There has been very little sickness, much less than when the children were all together at the Home. With the contagious nature of all pulmonic affections, it is nearly impossible, among a large number of children, to prevent the spread of even ordinary colds; and what might seem to be a simple cold with one child, would prove to be a serious complication in another of delicate organization. Hence the great advantage of less exposure, not only in the homes, but in the smaller schools.

In February Mr. Sherman C. Kingsley, of the Boston Children's Friend Society, and Mr. Charles W. Birtwell, of the Boston Children's Aid Society, came to Worcester and spoke in Moen Chapel, of the method which we have since adopted, of placing the children in private families. The audience was not large, but composed of men and women earnestly interested in any forward step to simplify and thus accelerate a more perfect system of caring for homeless children. Certainly those who listened were inspired to broaden their knowledge of this work, which is the foundation of all reforms. A great educator and statistician has said, that nearly one-quarter of the inmates of all the jails, houses of correction and states prisons can be traced back to institutional rearing. While in these institutions, they have absolutely no

knowledge or thought of the source of their food or clothing; consequently, after they go out into the world to earn their own living, if these necessities do not come easily, those who do not have moral courage to resist the temptation, most easily appropriate them!

In the simple lives of country folk, the children see practiced little economies, little acts of unselfishness, which must necessarily have their influence upon the character of even the most stolid. The wholesome effect of the out-door life cannot be overestimated; we see it in the little brown, full cheeks, and in the happy, bright eyes which seem full of a new intelligence. At one house where we visited, the home of the village post-mistress, one little boy took me by the hand to see the fascinating kittens, the young pigs and the wonderful bossy. There were two little brothers in this place, and although they had been here several months, the joys and delights of the country life were still fresh. The mother of these children was quite disappointed, the woman told us, to have the boys so content, for though they were glad to see her, they did not wish to return to town with her.

Some of the children in one country home picked berries, and the woman with whom they boarded was as eager as they to show the matron how much money they had made, and wanted her to take it to Worcester to put it in the bank for them. Many of the little girls have been taught to sew and thus have been able to mend their own clothing. One objection to placing the children in country schools has been that their progress would be so much slower, but this has been proved to the contrary; one little girl who returned to the city found herself in advance of those who had been in the same grade with her when she left the school. More of the children, particularly the boys, will soon be able to earn their board. Few changes have been made in the boarding places; not one for any neglect or unkind treatment of the children.

Many articles of clothing have been given by friends and neighbors of the women where the children board. Piedmont

Church Women's Association clothe two little girls, the Lend-a-Hand Club of the First Unitarian Church clothe one; Unity, All Souls, South Unitarian, St. John's, Hope, Wednesday Club of All Saints, Old South, First Universalist, First Baptist, Adams Square Social Union, and Employment Society have sewed for the children. Money has been given by Mrs. A. George Bullock, Mrs. F. W. Foye, Mrs. Fred Stone of Boston, Mr. J. P. Grover of Burlington, Vt., Pleasant St. Baptist S. S. (Primary Dept.), Elizabeth Boyden, Mrs. S. S. Van Etten, and Mrs. Arthur M. Evans. Dr. Robert S. Fletcher of Oxford gave the entire bill for the treatment of one little girl, who came into the care of the Home from a hospital where she had been treated for some trouble in her ear, and was not quite well. Dr. Lemuel F. Woodward and Dr. George E. Savage have given their services free of charge. The *Spy*, *Gazette* and *Hospital Cottage Friend* still continue to come to the Home. We wish to express our gratitude to these generous friends.

Four children outside our own family were cared for by the Society during the summer vacation. On Christmas, the matron took presents which had been purchased with the money given by Mrs. A. George Bullock, to all the children.

Seventy-seven different children have been in the care of the Society for a longer or shorter time during the year. There are sixty at the present time.

At the meeting of the Managers in June, all the children were present at the Home. Many of the foster mothers were with them. It was indeed a pleasant sight to see the happy faces and the growing attachment between the women and their little charges.

I think we may safely say that nowhere out of New England can the conditions be more favorable for carrying out our present scheme of beneficence. The spirit of conscientiousness with which the requirements are carried out shows the seriousness which is felt by those who have taken upon themselves the care of these little waifs. We are constantly called upon to take more children, and it is very hard sometimes for our tender hearted matron to turn them from the door,

but we must have more money before we dare take upon ourselves the care of a larger family.

We feel sure our generous hearted friends will come to our aid, that many more little sad-faced, neglected children may come under the protection of the Worcester Children's Friend Society.

Respectfully submitted.

ABIGAIL BLAKE BARTON,

*Secretary.*

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 1, 1904.

### RECEIPTS.

All Saints Church, collection \$53.56; life member \$25 . . . . .	\$78 56
All Souls Church, collection \$10; Ladies' Society \$21 . . . . .	31 00
First Baptist . . . . .	35 97
Pleasant Street Baptist . . . . .	10 55
Central . . . . .	90 32
Friends . . . . .	58 00
Grace . . . . .	11 00
Old South Church, collection \$31.50; Ladies' Society \$16.26	47 76
Saint Mark's . . . . .	28 00
Plymouth (Sunday School towards board of child \$29.52)	48 57
Piedmont, collection \$94.80; life members \$50 . . . . .	144 80
Pilgrim Sunday School \$25; C. E. Society \$5 . . . . .	30 00
Trinity . . . . .	44 63
First Universalist . . . . .	50 00
First Unitarian . . . . .	105 90
Union, collection \$118; life members \$75; Bible School \$7.92 . . . . .	200 92
Unity, collection \$50; Sunday School \$25 . . . . .	75 00
 Total, churches and church societies . . . . .	 \$1,090 98
 Income . . . . .	 \$3,912 19
Board . . . . .	1,103 02
Worcester Driving Park Association . . . . .	159 85
Entertainment . . . . .	145 25
Managers, for support of one child . . . . .	121 36
A Friend, for board of one child . . . . .	104 00
Rebate State tax . . . . .	36 11
Donations in money . . . . .	10 39
First National Bank rights . . . . .	7 50
First National Bank . . . . .	125 00
Estate of Jerome Wheelock . . . . .	5,010 00
 Total receipts . . . . .	 \$11,825 65
Cash on hand January 1, 1903 . . . . .	221 16
 \$12,046 81	

## EXPENSES.

Board of children.....	\$4,619 09
Board of matrons.....	325 98
Salaries .....	925 00
Clothing .....	467 15
Travelling .....	60 53
Fuel .....	60 25
Printing .....	78 81
Janitor and laundress.....	125 86
Telephone .....	25 68
Postage and stationery.....	21 49
Barber and cobbler.....	20 33
Street sprinkling.....	17 05
Undertaker .....	20 00
Carpenter and plumber.....	8 78
Advertising .....	7 00
Gas .....	9 60
Directory.....	3 00
Express .....	3 95
Rent at Safe Deposit.....	5 00
Sundries .....	27 78
 Total expense of care of children.....	\$6,832 33
Paid Permanent Fund.....	5,150 00
Cash on hand January 1, 1904.....	64 48
 \$12,046 81	

Respectfully submitted.

MARY E. MILLER,  
*Treasurer.*

We have examined the foregoing accounts, with the vouchers, and find them correct.

HESTER A. KNOWLES,  
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